

Beaver County
Beaver, UT 84713
March 14, 2005

The Board of County Commissioners met on March 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. for its regular meeting. This meeting had been re-scheduled from March 7, 2005. Those present were Mark S. Whitney, Member; William L. Dalton, Member; Chad W. Johnson, Member; Leo G. Kanell, Deputy Attorney; Bryan L. Harris, Commission Assistant; and Paul B. Barton, Clerk/Auditor. Von J. Christiansen, County Attorney, was excused.

A public hearing was opened for comment at 10:00 a.m. to add Emergency Medical Services as a provided service under the Beaver Fire District #1 service district. Those present for the hearing were Larry Weaver, Craig Wright, George Humphries and Conrad Grimshaw. No one appeared to oppose the action. The hearing was closed for comment at 10:15 a.m. It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution authorizing the addition of the service after the 15 day comment period.

Mark Nelson and Pearl Philipps met with the Board to request approval of the 2005 Extension Service budget document. It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to sign the document.

Mr. Nelson also requested that the Extension Service be granted the exclusive use of the 1996 Dodge Stratus. This offer had been made to Mr. Nelson by Comm. Dalton previously and had been refused. After discussion, it was moved by Comm. Dalton, seconded by Comm. Johnson and unanimously approved to grant the request.

Mike Riley and Max Limb met with the Board to discuss the value and property taxes on Parcel #3-50-4. The property had been over-valued for some 3 to 4 years. It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to base the taxes for years 2000 through 2004 at a value of \$70,525 and adjust all taxes according to that value and eliminate any penalties and interest accruing out of the 2000 tax year.

LeeAnn Carter met with the Board to discuss the need to replace the computer at her desk. It was moved by Comm. Dalton, seconded by Comm. Johnson and unanimously approved to allow the purchase of the needed hardware to take care of the problem.

Planning Commission appointments were discussed. Craig Davis met with the Board. There are 3 vacancies. Rowland Yardley and Dennis Miller are requesting to be reappointed to the Board. It was moved by Comm. Dalton, seconded by Comm. Johnson and unanimously approved to reappoint Rowland Yardley and Dennis Miller and to appoint Roger Larsen to 3 year terms.

A refund of taxes was discussed on the Renegade Lounge. The previous owners, Marlowe & Nancy George, had been assessed under the Restaurant Tax but were never notified they were obligated to pay. There are several other businesses in the county that are in the same situation. It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to refund the tax in an amount of their payment less any administrative charge by the State Tax Commission.

Mr. Harris will contact all businesses that may be subject to the tax and encourage them to contact the State Tax Commission for information.

Kenton Call, from the Forest Service, met with the Board to discuss the Forest Service Management Plan. Mr. Call talked about a meeting in St. George on May 30, 2005 and the process that is taking place. The Board also discussed the land management plan that the County is beginning. The big issue is still the designation of wilderness on the Tushar mountains.

The travel reimbursement rate for employees was discussed. It was the consensus of the Board to set the rate at the allowable IRS rate. The rate will change as the IRS rate changes.

Floyd Yardley and Doug Erickson met with the Board to discuss concerns with debris in the Beaver River channel. Mr. Erickson reported that the Road Department has been working to remove the trash, dead trees and other debris. Mr. Yardley will stay in contact and report problem areas on behalf of the water companies.

Randy Cox met with the Board to discuss the indigent tax abatement on Parcel #5-1-3 owned by Dan Cox. Randy was asking for a retroactive abatement for the tax years 2002-2004. It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to abate ½ of the tax and waive the penalties and interest upon receipt of the appropriate application.

Resolution No. 2005-04 was discussed. The resolution was titled A Resolution Petitioning the State of Utah to not Invalidate Underground, Irrigation Water Rights in Beaver County. Comm. Whitney discussed the need for the resolution. It was moved by Comm. Dalton, seconded by Comm. Johnson, and unanimously approved to authorize the chairman to sign the resolution.

It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to authorize the chairman to sign previously approved ordinances #2000-04, 2001-05, 2001-06, 2002-02, 2003-04, 2004-03, 2004-04 and 2004-05.

It was moved by Comm. Dalton, seconded by Comm. Johnson and unanimously approved to appoint Pat Yardley and Bryan Harris to the Five County Public Lands Steering Committee. Comm. Dalton is already a member.

Mr. Kanell requested permission to use forfeiture money to purchase updated Utah Code Annotated in hard back book form. It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to grant the request.

Peggy Harrison, aide to Congressman Chris Cannon, met with the Board to report on the activities of the Congressman. The legislation on the Minersville Park has been filed. The Board also discussed forest planning, PILT payments, etc.

Keven Whicker and Kelly Green met with the Board to discuss issues related to using GIS data in the 911 database. It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to release attributes for the information to AGRC for use in the 911 emergency response system.

It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to authorize the Auditor to execute an amended Tax Deed on Serial No. 2900.

George Humphries, from the Beaver Fire District #1, met with the Board to discuss a possible extension of 1900 North in Beaver. This section is outside the city. Mr. Humphries just supports the concept. The Board supports the idea but will not take the lead. The affected property owners need to pay the cost of building the new road.

Lt. Keith Draper met with the Board to request approximately \$3,000 for non-capitalized equipment such as new food trays, can openers, etc. It was moved by Comm. Dalton, seconded by Comm. Johnson and unanimously approved to authorize the requested expenditures.

Mr. Harris discussed the bike/pedestrian path and acquiring rights-of-way. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Mr. Harris to negotiate a price on the two parcels involved.

It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Dalton and unanimously approved to authorize a cellular phone allowance for Maureen Verhaeren as the County I.T. Director.

It was moved by Comm. Johnson, seconded by Comm. Whitney and unanimously approved to offer Bob Weidner \$6,000.00 for the county's participation in the Utah Rural Public Lands County Council.

Bills on file were approved for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED _____
Chairman

Clerk/Auditor
